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# Tacoma Mayor Heads Welcoming Party For THE TACOMA FACTS & Staff

There was a lot of activity on the corner of 14th & K Street last Monday. The occasion was that Mayor Johnston, the Camera crew from KTNT-TV, some Students from McCarver School, The Publisher & Staff of the TACOMA FACTS and friends and neighbors were out to meet and greet the new newspaper staff.

Fitzgerald Beaver FACTS Publisher was happy to see the good turn out and stated that he was honored to have the mayor on hand. Mayor Johnston stated as he shook Beavers hand "I take great pleasure in welcoming you to Tacoma, and I am sure that both Tacoma & your organization will profit from the venture. If we at City Hall can be of help, please feel free to call on us."

The students got a chance to shake hands with the mayor and the event turned out to be a pleasant one.

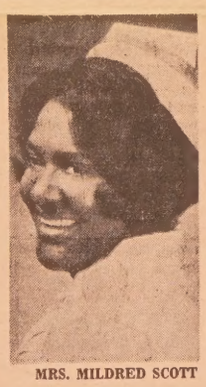
Last Friday, a Press Luncheon was held in the Winthrop Hotel and the paper staff had a chance to meet many of the Tacoma residents. (See Pictures on Page 5).

STAFF CHANGE

Fitzgerald Beaver, FACTS Publisher announced today that Clay Armstrong will be changed from managing edtior to advertising sales director.

The position of managing editor will be held by Beaver until sometime in '71'. Then a permanent managing editor will be appointed.

## MRS. MILDRED SCOTT JOINS URBAN COALITON STAFF



MRS. MILDRED SCOTT

A full-time health coordinator will direct the Tacoma Area Urban Coalition attack on low-income resident health problems here beginning Dec. 1.

Mrs. Mildred Scott, a licensed practical nurse currently employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma, received confirmation of her appointment this week from the Urban Coalition Executive and Steering Committees. In accepting the newly created $9,500 job, she joins a present three-man paid Coalition staff.

The health coordinator program which is funded by an $11,300 grant from the National Urban Coalition, is designed to "insure continuous coordination with agencies and individuals" who need or can provide low-cost health care.

The two highest priority projects outlined by TAUC are to establish a twenty-four hour outpatient service in one of Tacoma's centrally located hospitals and secondly to create two neighborhood health clinics to provide better care to low-income people in outlying areas.

Mrs. Scott, who will work closely with the TAUC Health Task Force, sees a necessity to provide low-income and welfare people with information about existing health programs. She also plans to bring health providers, including physicians and dentists, together with disadvantaged people to isolate problem areas.

The Health Task Force also proposes to develop a comprehensive transportation system to assist low-income patients in reaching health facilities.

The idea for a health coordinator was first conceived at the Coalition sponsored "Health Care Now" workshop held a year ago in Dec., 1969, when low-income people outlined basic health problems.

"The ultimate goal," according to the Coalition Health Care Report, "is to provide quality health care for all people in Tacoma regardless of economic or minority status.

"However, all the community will benefit from a health care project which truly meets the health needs of a changing urban community," the report said.

The Urban Coalition is a voluntary association of Tacoma citizens and businessmen dedicated to improving the Tacoma urban situation.

## LOCAL AUTO RACE CLUB FORMED

by-Darla LeGault

SCAR (Spanaway Claimers Auto Racing), is now becoming a club, after racing most of the 1970 season at Spanaway Speedway as just a bunch of guys wanting to race, but as of the 20th. of Nov., it has become a club in the making.

There were about 60 persons that attended the meeting that was held at the Fife Fire Station Hall, with most of them being of the male sex, but there were a few of the ladies present, as the Club is open for membership to both male and female, with an age limit of course, which understanding of auto racing and more togetherness, as it can become a family sport.

The women will race right along with the men, and will be treated as an equal in all respects of the racing, and no special privileges will be given to the female racers, as auto racing can be a rugged sport, but safe to both sexes when it is run by the rules, and them being the same for both sexes. Continued on Page 2

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# People Speak Out

THE FIRST REPORT TO GRASSROOT PEOPLE
OF THE MODEL CITY AREA
by Elijah Hosea Hankerson

Despite the great emphasis placed on "We the People" in this republic, "We the People" in this republic are a powerless people. The establishment has and is using the people for its selfish purpose. Any hope which appears on the horizon is soon snuffed out and the skies are soon filled again with empty promises which no person of power has any intention of honoring.

The establishment for the past few years has announced several programs which promised grassroot people a voice in their destiny. Whenever the grassroot people attempt to use that power they are crushed with a devastating blow and are given empty assurances of a better next time.

Here in the City of Tacoma grassroot people had to exert pressure on the Tacoma City Council into applying for a study grant for a Model City Program. This study grant has already received favorable federal consideration.

For the first time in their lives, many Grassroot people felt that they had a program to which they could relate. The Grassroot people had a hand in selecting an Executive Board for the Model City study. Also they had a chance of recommending three persons, one of whom was selected by the establishment. After some six or more months of operation the City Council fired the Choice of the People, Mr. Herman Walker. The Council was challenged on this action, it reigned, the Choice of the People stood. In attempted retaliation, in my opinion, the Council placed the administration of the Model City in the hands of the City Manager. The Manager moved in haste and fired the Choice of the People and appointed a successor without any wide consultation with responsible representatives of the people.

Mr. Marshal McCormick, Acting City Manager has admitted that he should have consulted a wider section of the Community, however, he has affirmed that his appointment and firing of directors would stand.

Petitions, letters and phone calls protesting the actions of the City Manager were made to the City Council and to the City Manager. However, they were in vain. I am not knowledgeable of the City Council addressing itself to the grievances of the people.

The guidelines, as published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD), and as reflected in the Tacoma application, gave the people every reason to believe that they would have a voice and full participation in the stated Program.

I was invited to attend a meeting which was held on November 7, 1970, called by the Acting President of the Model City Executive Board. I was called as a member of the Advisory Association would not accept the actions of Mr. Marshal McCormick. However, according to the Press, the Model Cities Executive Board voted to accept Mr. McCormicks' actions. (A COP OUT on the part of the Executive Board)

In an attempt to get the Community to accept the McCormick appointment, several members said that the City Manager told them that the program would not be funded with the Community - selected Director in Charge.

According to a letter received from Mr. McCormick this is simply not true. I quote from a letter received from Mr. McCormick dated November 12, 1970. In part it states "I did not at any time say that HUD demended the removal of the present Director before our application for funds would be approved.----As a matter of fact, I said the opposite, that HUD did not ask for the replacement of Walker as a condition for the granting of our application for funds." There is a gross misunderstanding or someone is callous with the truth.

I, Elijah Hosea Hankerson, challenge Mr. Marshal McCormick on his action of firing Mr. Herman Walker as the Director of the Model City Program and the appointment of Mr. Frank Russell as the replacement. I demand that the people have a voice in their affairs and call upon the Grassroot People who believe that Mr. McCormicks' actions, in this matter, were shabby and disrespectfull. I call upon the people to stand firm in their convictions. A group of citizens who do not accept insults as a matter of course, are provising ways and means, whereby they can confront such flippant actions. You will be given the opportunity to stand on your convictions. Rest assured, if you accept this insult today, there will be another insult tomorrow.

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## LOCAL AUTO RACE CLUB FORMED

There are quite a few guys and gals that have become very interested in auto racing, but thought that they could not afford it, as the cost of building a car to compete against another car would be to high, but in this club the cost should be and can be kept to a cost of $200.00 or less, as it will be mainly the work that you do yourself in preparing a car and keeping it going that will be the main factor, and at the same time you get to learn a great deal about a car, and learn to respect it on the public streets and leave the racing for the race track where it belongs.

At the first meeting of SCAR, elections were held to vote in the Officers and Officials for the 1971 season, with Paul Neal heading the club as their first President and Ed Dollar as the Vice President.

Ken Peterson will hold the job of Sec./Trea., and Walt Orum as the Recording Secretary.

Voted in as the clubs Public Relations Director was myself, Darla LeGault, of which I must say I am very proud of being and I intend to do my very best to let the public in this area know about the auto racing, and the happenings of the club, so that they will get a true and better understanding of auto racing.

# Jane Fonda 'Aids' Police in Arrests

NEW ORLEANS — ( , — Police arrested 19 blacks and six whites yesterday after they left their barricaded headquarters in a city housing project to go for a ride in automobiles rented for them by actress Jane Fonda, police said.

All were charged with criminal trespass in connection with the takeover of the apartment by the National Committee to Combat Facism, an arm of the Black Panthers.

Police had failed to drive the NCCF out of the apartment building last Thurday when masses of armed officers moved into the housing project. Police withdrew without major violence under an agreement to settle the matter of eviction in the courts.

There were no indications any militants were still in the building, police said. Officers said the group apparently was headed for Washington, D.C.

"I don't know if Miss Fonda was aware that she unwittingly helped us," said Police Superintendent Clarence Giarrusso, "and I thank her."

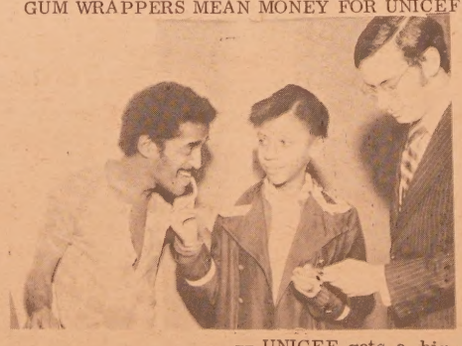
Miss Fonda had been in New Orleans on Tuesday in support of the militants. She left the city for Denver to continue a speaking tour.

Among those arrested was Harold Holmes, a black whose name was used on court suits challenging police rights to evict the NCCF.

Holmes was charged, Giarrusso said, under state laws with criminal anarchy, criminal mischief and criminal trespass. Officials said bond of $50,000 would be recommended on the anarchy charge.

The blacks took over the building, Oct. 25, after they were evicted from another headquarters nearby following a shootout with police in September. They refused to leave and the Housing Authority refused attempts by them to pay rent.

SAMMY DAVIS, JR.
GUM WRAPPERS MEAN MONEY FOR UNICEF



-- UNICEF gets a big boost from Sammy Davis, Jr. who makes his contribution of Clark Gum wrappers to a pre-halloween group of trick-or-treaters. From now until the end of the year, Clark is contributing 2 1/2 cents to UNICEF for each of its pack wrappers recycled to the company. Feeding Sammy a stick of gum is Kathleen Guzman and accepting the pack from Sammy is Sheila Speller. Both girls are from I.S. 201 in Harlem. Hal Henenson, assistant brand manager of Clark Gum ( right ), lends a helping hand.

## Cheerleader Expelled From Squad

MORGANTOWN, W. Va (UPI) — A black cheerleader for the West Virginia University football team has been expelled from the squad for raising the black power salute during the playing of the national anthem.

Athletic Director Robert N. Brown told the cheerleader Phil Mack of Cleveland, Ohio, he would have to stop the gesture.

"Brown told me if he didn't get some sort of commitment from me that I would not raise my fist during the anthem, I would be off the squad — so I'm off the squad," Mack said.

A black co-ed cheerleader, Johanna Bryant, of Farmington, also resigned from the squad, saying "the only way I can express my feelings is by not cheering."

Mack was the target of ice, bottles and cups in a recent game when he brandished his clenched fist.

## "Americans Love Their Guns"

BALTIMORE — The man who headed a presidential commission that found America the most violent nation in the world says he is "perplexed" by the opposition to gun control. "Americans love their guns," he said.

Dr. Milton Eisenhower, speaking last week at a symposium on violence at Johns Hopkins University, said his proposal to limit ownership of handguns to those who can show a need for them has brought forth "blind, emotional resistance."

The educator and one-time diplomat headed President Lyndon B. Johnson's Commission on The Causes and Prevention of Violence and was President of Johns Hopkins before his retirement three years ago.

He said that there are 90 million guns in the United States which has the highest gun-to-population ratio in the world, and that 25 million of those weapons are concealable handguns.

"These are the firearms used in virtually all aggravated assaults and robberies involving firearms and in three-fourths of all gun murders," he said.

## Dems Fight For Reeapportionment

SACRAMENTO — Senator Mervyn M. Dymally, (D) Los Angeles has warned that the Democrats will "go to the courts" if Gov. Ronald Reagan carries out his threat to veto Democratic reapportionment bills.

Dymally, chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, told a news conference Republican Gov. Reagan is attempting to create a climate of disunity and to intimidate the Democrats in the Legislature.

"The governor," Dymally said, "obviously saw the results of the Nov. 3rd election, but he did not read them. As usual, he has built a straw man on reapportionment by threatening to veto bills that do not even exist.

"Attempts by the Republicans to force reapportionment into the hands of a reapportionment commission reveal either a great deal of ignorance of the law or political dishonesty. Such a commission, which could have acted only if the legislature failed to act, was held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

## Thurmond Trades Insults

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., traded insults Wednesday with a group of college students who hurled garbage at him during a speech at the University of Riverside here.

"If you all knew how ridiculous you look, you'd go home," Thurmond told the crowd of 800, noting that "the great majority of students here today are here to listen."

"How does it feel to know you'll go down in history as one of the greatest bigots and racists of our time," one student asked him

"At least I will be loyal to my country," Thurmond replied. "And at least I will treat all the people with manners, which is more than you are doing here this morning."

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*Tacoma Profile*

# Harold Moss, Tacoma City Councilman

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FACTS Photo Service Photographer James Henderson did these scenes at the home of Harold Moss.

FACTS PHOTO SERVICE

by D. M. McKerson

An evening with the Harold Moss family is one of pleasure and delight. Our beautiful hostess met us at the door and invited us in to join them beside their cozy fire. Looking charming and relaxed in a blue knit jumpsuit, we could immediately sense the sincerity and warmth of her personality as she discussed her role as a black woman in todays society, a mother and wife.

Quoting Linda La Rue from the "The Black movement and Women's Liberation" she states firmly that, "the true liberation of black people depends on their rejection of the inferiority of women, the rejection of competition as the only viable relationship between men, and their re-affirmation of respect for general human potential in whatever form, man, child or woman, it is conceived."

"I can have only one image-the image I am most comfortable with. My image does not change when my husbands' station changes in life.

Bill Moss, as she prefers to be called, is an administrative secretary for the YWCA, a member of the Links, NAACP and Contessa Social and Civic Club. Her hobbies are sewing, bowling and she is currently learning to swim. She is the mother of three children, two sons and one daughter.

Her husband, Harold, is Tacoma's first black city councilman. He is first, a father and husband. Commenting firmly on the black man's role as head of his household, he states that, "there is a need for an assertive position for the Black male as a head of the family."

This positive attitude is reflected in other areas of his life. Having lived in Tacoma for twenty years, Harold has been active in the NAACP, past President in 1958, and is now President of the Black Businessmen's Association. He teaches a course, "Black Economics"at the University of Puget Sound. He also teaches an extention course for the Seattle Police Academy," community and conflict." and, he is the director of the Outreach Apprenticeship Program for the Urban League.

Of the Tacoma community, he says that, "periodically, I have felt pains of rejection from the community -even when I felt that I was most responsive to its needs. On the other hand, I feel more lifted by that same community."

" I feel that the time for Black people getting themselves together is happening today. We are accommodating each others ideas. We are accepting within the Black family (community) compromises for that togetherness."

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As an added attraction Voices, Inc. will conduct 2 workshops in intergroup relations for King County teachers, parents and organizations. Their format is designed to help bridge the communication and ethnic gap that plagues America today.

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Tickets may be ordered by phone and mailed to you on receipt of your check or money order. The Answering Service for VOICES, INC. is Pa 5-7493.

## Mrs. Palms Picked As Best Dressed At NAACP Pagent

By D. M. McKerson

The answers to the questions who will be the best dressed woman and will she be wearing mini, midi, or maxi were answered Saturday, November 14, 1970. The NAACP sponsored their 3rd annual "Ten Best Dressed Women Pagent and Dance" at the Tacoma Motor Hotel.

The judges for this festive event were Franklin Burgess, Parker Harris and Mmes. Frances Wilkerson, Herman Lehrer and John Morris. Bobby Ray Brown was the master of cermonies.

Mrs. Goldie Royal Palms, first place winner, looked stunning in pleated formal silver evening pants with a chiffon long sleeve white blouse and low plunging neck line. To complete her ensemble, she wore a jeweled silver jacket, pearl earrings and silver boots.

She was presented with a U.S. Savings Bond, Polaroid Camera and a beautiful lamp.

Mrs. Palms is an IBM Magnetic Tape Selective Tape Typewriter Operation at the U.S. Army Personnel Center, Fort Lewis, Washington. She is a member of Gethsemone Lutheran Church.

Her hobbies are art, traveling and eating delicious food. She has four daughters and nine pets, one poodle and seven cocka-poodles, and one hampster.

Equally as beautifully attired in the latest of fashion, midis, jeweled gowns and jumpsuits were the other ten finalist. Mrs. Homer Williams, Miss Lorraine Hill, Mmes. Ernestine Henderson, Landon Glenn, Douglass C. Cato, Brenda Smith, Dorothy Washington, Barbara Wesley and De ores Silas. They were presented with lovely gifts from Tacoma merchants for their awards.

Mrs. Alonzo B. Brown was Chairman for the affair, assisted by Mmes. Willie E. Crawford, Co-Chairman; Eddie Hill, model coordinator; and James Kors.

TO A TURKEY

O my gallinaceous friend
With your wattle and your snood
And those iridescent feathers
So peculiar to your brood
You don't fool me for a minute
Though you gobble and you strut
For who will mourn your passing
When that final door is shut

Though stately your demeanor
Tis a blind to hide your cares
For men still call you stupid
For all your pomp and airs
And in your final hour
Not a single drum will roll
Nor a solitary trumpet
Hail your dear departed soul

Where other birds are honored
And saluted with a toast
You, alas, are just a turkey
Mearly fit to stuff and roast
But perhaps you'll find some justice
When you reach your Jubilee
Unless of course They celebrate
Thanksgiving, same as we

Charlie Jones
Tacoma, Washington

PORTLAND, Ore. —Portlanders may be walking to work the next time there is a heavy smog.

A three-page opinion from Deputy District Attorney Stanley E. Sharo said in part

"We believe there is ample authority for Multnomah County to restrict vehicular traffic should it deem it necessary to protect its citizens."

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FASHION NOTE: Suitable for almost any sport that pleases you is this ensemble in lush grey cotton corduroy of pants and jacket. Both have dressmaker details with a foreign flavor. The ensemble is worn with a Veaumont hat to add fashion accent and keep coiffure in place. sSuit is from Robert Hall's.


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Beaver is interviewed by Eddie Haskins from KTNT Radio.

Rev. Boles and Beaver discuss the future of the paper.

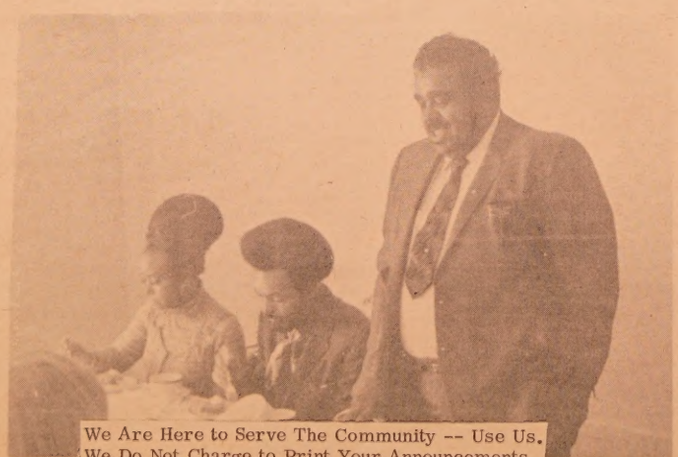
Bobby White and Clay Armstrong

Beaver and Brooks talk about advertising.

Jim Walton, Clara Cox, Duke Frank and Clay Armstrong

## Scene

Armstrong explains paper plans to Anderson, Tacoma Tribune Reporter.



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# Angela Davis is indicted by California grand jury

On Nov. 10, a Marin County grand jury indicted Angela Davis and Ruchell Magee on charges of murder, kidnapping, and conspiracy.

The charges stem from the events at the San Rafael courthouse on Aug. 7 of this year. In that incident, 17-year-old Jonathan P. Jackson attempted to free three prisoners, of whom one was Magee, scheduled for trial.

Photo by Randy Furst

Seizing the judge and several jurors, Jackson and the prisoners escaped in a van.

But the effort failed when scores of state and local police leveled rifles and shotguns and shot up the van. Jackson, two of the prisoners, and the judge were killed.

Yet, the state of California is trying Magee for the murder of the judge. There was no shoot-out, as alleged by the police. Given the situation, everybody in the van could have been killed by police firepower. But then the police would have had no victims to make into the criminal.

Davis, a UCLA philosophy professor whom the Reagan administration has sought to red-hunt out of the educational system on the basis of her membership in the Communist Party has been included in the murder indictment on the basis of a state allegation that guns used in the events were registered in her name at the time of purchase.

With the indictment handed down, Davis' attorney in New York moved to postpone a slated Nov. 20 extradition hearing. The judge set a new date of Dec. 3.

# Four black football team players quit

BLACK ATHLETES ENDORSE STATEMENT

The Black athletes of the University of Washington Football team endorses the following statement:

We the Black athletes of the University of Washington Football Team have called this press conference in order that our attitude concerning the football program may be concisely expressed.

We feel that the University of Washington Football Program has shown very little incentive in bettering its relationships between the Black athletes and the coaches.

We sincerely believe that the Black athletes have given 110% to the football program in the past and present; but have received very little recognition or acknowledgement from the coaching staff.

It is important to us to continue to bring up the past because things were supposed to be changing; yet to date things have changed very little.

Therefore, We--Ira Hammon, Calvin Jones, Charles Evans and Mark Wheeler, myself, have decided to terminate our football career at the University of Washington. We, along with the other Black Football Players at the University of Washington will not encourage the recruitment of Black Football Players in the future.

The racial practices of the University of Washington coaching staff have forced us to the point where we can no longer tolerate the playing condition imposed upon us.

For the benefit of our team we prolonged these actions so that dissension among our fellow teammates would be avoided. We sincerely regret that the overwhelming conditions presently existing within the athletic department have forced us to reach this decision.

There is no future comment.

Thank you!

# Ernie Banks selected for Texas Hall of Fame

**Ernie Banks**
**New Year's Eve honor**

DALLAS — Chicago Cubs first baseman Ernie Banks is one of four men named to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

The others are former Southwest Conference coaches Buster Brannon and Jess Neely, and the late Max Hirsch, who trained three Kentucky Derby winners.

Banks, Brannon and Neely will be honored in person whey they are officially ushered into the honor group at the annual Hall of Fame luncheon on New Year's Eve preceding the Cotton Bowl football game.

The fourth honoree, Hirsch, will be honored posthumously at the same time.

Their selection increases the membership in the Hall of Fame, which is located on the State Fir of Texas Grounds, to 72 persons who have brought honor and fame to the Lone Star State through achievements in the field of sports.

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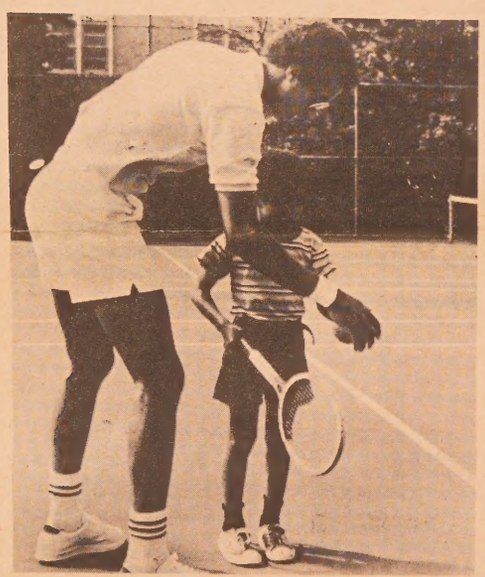
Banks rose from Dallas High School Ranks to fame with the Cubs, hitting .314 his first year in the majors in 1953. He was named the National League's most valuable player in 1958-59 and was an All-Star shortstop in 1955-59-60.

Banks currently holds the major league record of most consecutive games played from the start of his career (424); most home runs by a shortstop in one season (47); highest fielding average by a shortstop (.985), and fewest errors by a shortstop (12).



Taking time out from his busy tournament schedule to conduct a tennis clinic in Harlem, top-ranking tennis star Arthur Ashe gives young Carey Bond instruction on how to hit the tennis ball successfully across the net. Ashe, who also serves as special consultant to Coca-Cola USA is sports and youth-related activities, was conducting the clinic for the soft drink firm.

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# Hypocrisy, Thy Name Is Govt.

by whitney m. young, jr.

Those who actually believe that the many civil rights laws passed in the 1960's really brought about significant progress for America's minorities got a rude awakening last month. Two major events, separated by only a week, showed what a farce law enforcement has made of the law.

First, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights filed a massive 1,115-page report documenting the callous disregard for the laws by the very agencies whose duty it is to enforce them.

Then, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed suit against the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, charging it with "general and calculated default" in enforcing the law forbidding racial discrimination in the use of federal educational funds.

**With all the talk of law and order, it has become apparent that federal agencies themselves are violators of the laws that defend the rights of minorities and the poor.**

Empty words and high-flying phrases are cheap. Only results are meaningful. The promises made to black and brown Americans by the civil rights laws are just pretty words on a piece of paper unless they are enforced. We've got to judge the government's sincerity by its actions, and those actions show strongly that the letter and intent of the laws have been violated.

**The Civil Rights Commission made a strong case for this view. It said that there has been a major breakdown in enforcement, a breakdown that this administration must share with those of the past. The official lawbreakers have been men of both parties; men who probably believe they are doing a good job, but men who have failed in their sworn duty to uphold the law.**

The Civil Rights Commission made several telling points:

: It found that no agency has been provided with enough staff and funds to carry out its civil rights responsibilities.

: It found that many agencies place a low priority on enforcement and assign the job to low-ranking officials who are carefully kept away from the top people.

: Most agencies never bothered to state their civil rights goals or to develop policies to implement them.

: Most agencies merely process individual complaints instead of tackling broad institutional patterns of discrimination.

: Many government programs have the effect of perpetuating discrimination.

: Many program officers are also given civil rights responsibilities, although they may be unsympathetic toward those goals.

: Agencies often passively accept assurances of nondiscrimination without investigating them or actively checking for violations.

: Key weapons in the enforcement arsenal aren't used. The power to terminate a contract and debar contractors who discriminate has never been used.

: Instead of cutting off funds for groups that discriminate, agencies emphasize voluntary compliance, leading to endless delays and negotiations instead of action.

: The government hasn't started enough lawsuits to convince lawbreakers that it means business.

And the Commission noted that all these lapses were made possible because of a failure at the highest governmental levels to provide the leadership and the direction to government agencies charged with the duty of enforcing civil rights laws.

**Now this is a damning report. It comes as no surprise to those of us in the civil rights movement who have expended blood and sweat to bring about equal rights, only to find that when the laws are on the books they rot away without concern or enforcement by bureaucrats who freely flaunt their responsibilities.**

What good does it do the victim of discrimination to know that it is illegal? Unless the government enforces the laws that protect minorities, it faces the possibility that the present lack of faith in this country's institutions will mushroom into a conflict that takes place outside the law and its courtrooms.

**How hypocritical it is for politicians to rave and rant about the need for law and order, while refusing to enforce the laws against discrimination. The Commission's report isn't just another fat volume documenting the immorality of our society. It is a warning to all that unless the promises of the past are redeemed, the very viability of the rule of law will be called into question.**

# Sniper Fire In Daytona Beach

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Police reported scattered sniper fire and firebombings in the black district Sunday night and Chief A. O. Folsom ordered his men to return all fire.

No injuries or major fire damage were reported early in the city's third straight night of racial violence, but Folsom said his officers were "prepared to deal with any situation."

Mayor Richard Kane contacted Gov. Claude Kirk to keep the governor advised of the situation, but said there were no plans for activiating state police or national guardsmen. Kane also said he would impose a curfew only as a last resort.

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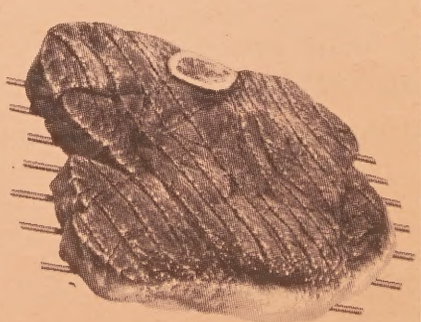

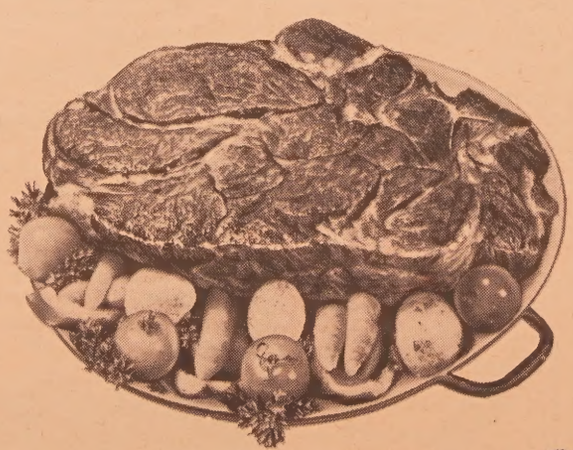

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